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## MARRIAGE.

At San Francisco, on August 16th, RICHARD ARNHEIM, of Yokohama, to BERNICE HIRSCHMAN, of San Francisco.

## DEATH.

At Kobe, on 19th inst., MARK VOISEY, resident in Kobe since the opening of the port, aged 62 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1898.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

## BY-ELECTION. LOSS OF A SEAT.

LONDON, August 25th. Naylor Leland, (2 St. Naylor Leland) the Liberal Candidate has been elected for Southport (replacing Mr. Curzon, resigned) defeating the Conservative Candidate by a majority of 272. This result is ascribed partly to the defection of a section of the Unionists and partly to disapproval of the Chinese policy of the Government.

## LORD CHARLES BERESFORD'S MISSION.

Lord Charles Beresford has started for China.

## CRICKET.

Yorkshire is now secure of the Cricket Championship.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—On the 27th at 11.45 a.m.: The barometer has risen slightly on the S. coast of China, and is inclined to fall on the E. coast. The depression is probably moving Northwards near the Northern Loochees. Graduals rather steep for N. wind on the E. coast of China, slight for S. W. winds in the China Sea. FORECAST:—Moderate S. to S. E. winds; showery.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Iphegenia* leaves on Monday morning for a three days' cruise.

A COOLIE who laid pecuniary hands on \$3 belonging to a countryman was to-day sent to gaol for 42 days.

A FINE of \$25 was to-day imposed on a contractor who failed to exhibit a light on some excavations on Praya West.

THE Gymkhana to have been held this afternoon was postponed till next Saturday owing to the condition of the course through the recent rains.

A RICKSHA coolie who behaved in a reckless manner, causing injury to Mr. J. de Remedios, was to-day fined \$15 or to go to gaol for six weeks.

A NEW daily newspaper to be styled the *Katoku Shimbun*, to be edited by Mr. Aoki, is expected to appear in the early next month.

It has been reckoned that if the whole ocean were dried up, all the water passing away as vapor, the amount of salt remaining would be enough to cover 5,000,000 square miles with a layer one mile thick.

THEIR Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan have graciously presented one thousand yen towards the relief of the sufferers by the tempest which did so much damage at Taihoku, Formosa, on the 6th inst.

THE *N. Y. Maritime Register* reports that one of the boats of the Russian ship *Bay of Naples*, Capt. Cedar, from Port Natal for Tokyo, capsized off Noumea on the 22nd of June, and fourteen sailors were devoured by sharks.

THERE were a number of cases of plague at Nha-trang in Cochinchina recently, but it is officially announced that the dreaded disease has been stamped out. Nha-trang is a port of call of the Messageries Maritimes boats.

HIS Majesty the King of Siam recently sent an elephant as a gift to the Emperor of Germany, and the keeper who took it has just returned to Bangkok after safely delivering his charge. The Emperor presented him with a handsome gold watch and other gifts.

EDUWASS is to be protected by law in the Austrian Alps. The Emperor has signed laws passed by the Diets of Styria and Carinthia forbidding the removal of the plant with its roots, the sale of it to tourists and exportation in large quantities.

A JAPANESE paper learns that Dr. Hatoyama, of the Keio-toei Party, will shortly be appointed Japanese Minister to the United States of America, in place of Mr. Hoshi, now staying in Japan on leave of absence, who will probably tender to his resignation.

P.C. COTTE to-day charged a steam launch proprietor with failing to show on the bows of his boat the legal number of passengers he should carry. A fine of \$25 was inflicted. The master of the vessel for carrying \$20 in excess of the lawful number was fined \$10.

SEVERAL of our local sportsmen have already been on the prowl in search of the wily snipe, but, as yet, bags have been most discouraging on account of the bulk of the birds still dallying on the tundras of Siberia. By the way, how long will it be before a gun licence is a necessary adjunct of the Deep Bay sportsman's kit?

MR. T. V. Twining announces his final concert, to be given in St. Andrew's Hall at 9 p.m. on Wednesday next. The entertainment will be under the patronage of H.E. Major-General Black and besides Mr. S. H. Morse, the following talented amateurs will contribute to the programme:—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. J. H. Balgala, Messrs. C. E. Grace, S. H. Somerton, E. Danenberg, Gilmble, W. Musket and G. Lammert. An excellent programme is in course of preparation and there should be a bumper.

It may surprise you to hear that in spite of the millions of modern guns and rifles nowadays turned out the ancient flintlock is not quite a thing of the past. According to the *New York Herald*, there is still in England at least one manufactory of flintlocks for use. The flintlocks are all made by hand, being placed on the operator's knee and chipped with a hammer to the proper shape. Of course, a number of these flintlocks are used for fire-making. These go principally to countries like Spain and Italy, where the duties on ordinary matches and matches are so high as to convert them from the absolute necessity they are in Great Britain to a positive luxury, so that flint and steel are used.

THE lease of Laysan Island from the Hawaiian Government by H. Hackfeld & Co. has drawn attention to the chain of deserted islands stretching westward across the Pacific from the Hawaiian group, and it is quite probable that others will find lessors and tenants. Laysan is nearly 700 miles from Kauai, and Hackfeld and Company have placed twenty-five Japanese under an overseer on it. It is rich in guano and the lease is expected to prove very profitable. Bird Island, which is only 125 miles from Kauai, is also being investigated and if deemed rich enough will be leased. Other islands in the Looch group are known to be very rich. Bird Island is one of the rugged rocky sentinels of the Pacific. It was visited in the last century by both Douglas and Vancouver. One of the most interesting islands in the group is Midway. It is 900 miles from Bird Island and was once used as a mid-ocean coaling and supply station by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, but was abandoned years ago. A revival of the plan has been suggested at various times. It would prove handy at times.

EVERY week sees the arrival of more motor cars on the London streets, and, as a rule, the man at the wheel is as skillful as a Channel pilot in threading his way through the maze of traffic. But the mariner at the wheel, the electric driver and the ordinary cabbie are, alike human, and may be occasionally overtaken by their little weaknesses. In the case of the latter, although an intoxicated cabman is unpleasant to his fare, he can be disposed of from his seat, and the horse, which is never drunk, will go just as well with another driver. But with the motor car it may be more difficult to deal when the engine driver is discovered to be incapable. This was illustrated the other night in Gray's Inn road. The man at the wheel was noticed by the police to be guiding his cab in a very erratic fashion, and he was stopped and taken off the box. A constable volunteered to carry out the contract, but he collided with the cab and gave up the job, leaving the motor car standing in the road. Horses he probably understood, but electric machinery was outside his ken. The police will have to go through a course of motor car drill to cope with similar contingencies in the future.—*Westminster Gazette*.

MR. BIRCH, General Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has been put through during the week under review, and the market closes very quiet, with sellers of nearly all stocks. The rate of exchange on Shanghai has gone down further and closes 72 1/2 for a 7/7, and 73 1/2 for three days Private Paper. Bank Shares.—A few small lots of Hongkong and Shanghai changed hands at 203 per cent. prem., at which rate shares are obtainable. The London rate at 167 1/2, ex dividend. A few National at \$45; and a Founder share of same Bank at \$70, and more shares are on offer. Marine Insurance Shares.—A small lot of Unions sold at \$215, but shares are offering. China Traders sold at \$63 and \$63, and the market is steady at latter rate. North China unchanged. A few Yangtze declined \$29 and small lots of Cantons \$130, closing with seller. Straits quite neglected. Fire Insurance Shares without sales and unchanged. Shipping Shares.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao sold at \$16 for 31st December, and are freely offered at that rate, also at \$35 cash. Indo-China have sellers at \$35; China and Manila at \$30 and Douglass at \$38, after a small sale of the latter stock at about rate. China Mutuals unchanged. Star Ferry sold at \$81 to \$83, and have further buyers. Refineries.—China Sugar sold at \$16 to \$16 for 31st instant, and at \$16 for 31st December, both cum dividend, and shares are on offer now at \$35 cash ex dividend of \$5 per share paid yesterday. Laysan are wanted at \$40. Mining Shares.—Panama sold at \$3 for ordinary shares and \$1 for preference shares; the former are in demand, but preferences are offering. Charbonnages have dropped to sellers at \$100. New Balmoral preference shares are firmer, and wanted at 35 cents, after sales at 34 cents per share. Jelabas sold at \$44. Rubis sold at \$36. Olivers have sellers at \$6, while B's have been done at \$36 to \$40. Great Eastern and Caledonia sold at \$4.10 for fully paid up shares and close very firm, while \$33 paid up shares changed hands at \$25 to \$27, closing very firm at \$26.50. Dockers, Wharves, and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa, Dock Company shares sold at \$39 and \$38 per cent. prem. cash and for end of the month, at 260 per cent. prem. for end of September, 265 per cent. prem. for end of October and 270 per cent. prem. for end of December, all cum dividend, the market closing firm with cash sales at 243 per cent. prem. ex dividend and bonus, together 16 per cent.—\$20 per share, paid on 23rd inst. Other stocks under this heading unchanged. Lands, Hotels, and Buildings without business, but West Point has dropped to \$18, sellers, and Hongkong Hotels to \$53 sellers. Cotton Mills without business, but small lots of Hongkong Cottons can be placed at \$45. Shanghai, Mull's quotations are: Rices, Tis. 40, Loco-Motors Tis. 87, Soybeans Tis. 475 and Yablong's Tis. 521. Miscellaneous.—A few Electric sold at \$81. Green Islands are on offer at \$71 for old and \$17 for new shares. Watsons have been done at \$12. Tramways are wanted at \$110, and Ropes at \$162, while Ices are obtainable at \$208, Fenwicks at \$30 and China Provident at \$91.

FOR carrying 4 and 5 passengers on their launches in excess of the legal number, two launch Masters were to-day fined \$5 and \$10 respectively.

THE Hongkong Government has, in co-operation with a syndicate of planters and merchants, recently organized a pigeon-post service between the eight largest islands of the Sandwich Archipelago. Communication had been irregular heretofore, vessels not always being able to reach the islands. Several hundred birds have been trained and the attempt to establish a daily pigeon-post has been attended with success. The most distant of the outlying posts is 250 miles.

FROM private sources in Peking, says the *Shanghai Daily Press*, we learn of a new departure. The Emperor intends to erect on the extensive grounds of the Duke of Yang a palace, to be used for the fitting ceremonial receptions of such crowned heads and ministers of state as may from time to time visit the capital, to pay their respects to His Majesty, and Prince Cheng and H.E. Li Hong-chang have been appointed Imperial Commissioners in charge. A staff of secretaries are being appointed to superintend the erection.

WE have received from Messrs. Dodwell, Catill & Co., the agents, an abstract of the annual report of the Standard Life Assurance Co. for 1897. The following results were communicated in the report:—Amount of assurances accepted during the year 1897 (for which 4,738 policies were issued), £1,844,086; premiums on new policies issued, £71,054; claims by death under 927 policies during the year 1897, inclusive of bonus additions, £575,169; claims under endowment assurances matured during the year 1897, £3,012,319; inclusive of bonus additions, £3,012,319; subsisting assurances at 15th November, 1897, £3,919,754; annual revenue, £1,123,013; accumulated funds, £8,804,722.

THE total quantity of coal exported from Moji from the 1st to the 15th inst. amounted to 16,310 tons, with a declared value of 105,225 yen, the particulars being as follows:—

	Tons.	Yen.
Hongkong	8,450	57,212
Shanghai	4,480	29,185
Bombay	1,800	10,800
Wladivostok	800	5,600
Chiofo	170	1,196
Newchwang	110	701
Ningpo	100	660
Total	16,310	105,225

These figures show a decrease of 23,500 tons in the quantity and also a decrease of 264,068 yen in the declared value, on the returns for the corresponding period of the preceding month.

THE Newchwang correspondent of the *N. C. D. News* writing on the 15th inst. says:—The Russians have about 25,000 soldiers between Newchwang and Port Arthur. They have landed over a hundred new big guns at Port Arthur and are building up forts, etc., very quickly. A large number of Chinese and Russians are at work on the forts, wharves, etc., at both Port Arthur and Tallenwan, whilst the dock two hundred men making canvas tents for the men who have not got houses. Wherever one goes now one finds Russian soldiers all over the country, both on the main road and inland, and surveying for the railway is going on in various places. When the railway is completed Russian judges by all appearances, will make another important step forward. They have about thirteen men-of-war now guarding their new acquisitions between Port Arthur and Tallenwan.

THE novel feat of catching a chicken thief by means of a camera was recently performed by Ralph B. Hyam, an electrical engineer, who resides in West Philadelphia. Finding that his henhouse was persistently raided, Hyam set up a snap-shot camera in such a way that it focused directly on the entrance of the chicken-house. Near by on a suncor was placed a charge of flash-light powder. An ingenious arrangement of wires was then run from a battery to the camera and flash powder and thence to the door, which, when opened, would work the camera and ignite the powder simultaneously. It took Hyam two days to finish the job. One morning last week Hyam found that the coop had been broken open, although the thief had evidently been scared off by the flash of powder. Anxious to see how the scheme had worked he at once developed the plate and nearly fainting when the face of a church sexton appeared. That individual has confessed to all the robberies and has promised to make restitution to avoid arrest.

## FIJIAN FIRE-WALKERS.

THE curious fire ceremony of Fiji was described at the last meeting of the Otago Institute by Dr. Hocken, of Dunedin, who, with Dr. Colquhoun had just returned from a visit to Fiji. The ceremony is now seldom performed, and the power of fire-walking, so far as Fiji is concerned is confined to a family residing on Mbenga, an island lying about twenty miles south of Suva. These people walk with bare feet unshod across the white, hot stones which form the pavement of a cooking oven. On the occasion when the Dunedin doctors were present an attempt was made to register the heat, but when the thermometer had been placed for a few seconds about 4 ft. or 5 ft. above the stones it had to be withdrawn, as the solder of the thermometer began to melt. The thermometer then registered 285 deg. Fahr., and Dr. Hocken's estimate of the extreme temperature was over 400 deg. The fire-walkers, seven or eight in number, then approached, and a single file walked leisurely across and around the oven. The leader was on the stones for nearly half a minute. Thick heaps of blubber loaves were thrown into the oven, causing clouds of steam to arise. The natives, who were almost nude, sat or stood on the leaves in the midst of the steam. The men were carefully examined by the doctors both before and after the ceremony. The fire had not affected the simple attitudes of dress they wore, and the men showed no symptoms of distress, and their pulses were unaffected. The soles of their feet, which were not unusually thick or hard, were not in the least blistered. There were no signs of any special preparation having been made, and both doctors, while denying the existence of anything miraculous about the performance, expressed themselves unable to form any scientific explanation of the matter.

## U. S. SOLDIERS IN HONGKONG.

By the steamer *China* which arrived here the other day, after conveying United States troops to Manila, there arrived six soldiers, time-expired men and honorably discharged from Uncle Sam's "regular army—Oh." A *Telegraph* representative called on them at their lodgings last evening and had a chat with corporal J. L. Harris, late of the 23rd Infantry. Harris, according to his "papers" has done three years of good and faithful service and is a first class marksman. Before leaving he was a farmer, born in Missouri and stands 6 ft. 4 in. in height. His companions belonged to the 18th and 24th Infantry and are fine stalwart fellows much after the type of our Royal Artillery. They had little in the matter of news to tell, but they wished emphatically to deny that there had been any shooting of Filipinos by the U. S. troops. They told of one incident where a Filipino insulted a Spanish Officer in the street and the latter drew his revolver and shot the native in the leg. The health of the troops was reported as "first rate," the fever and dysentery having almost entirely disappeared. The men are now comfortably quartered in Barracks and others are housed in Manila, only a few of the volunteers being under canvas. Regarding the fight at the trenches it seems that different regiments took turns in going to the front and so the fighting line was relieved. One big falsehood told how the right flank of his company had been a perfect hall of bullets and it was there that the greatest number of casualties occurred. Asked what he thought of being under fire for the first time, the corporal said he felt "pretty queer" as the bullets came buzzing past his ears. "After a few minutes however," he said, "when we got hot we could not get near enough to enemy and we wanted to get the bayonet to work. Yes," he continued, "of course we could have enlisted again but there was nothing more for us to do so we concluded to 'home.' All the party are highly pleased with their experience and they say they 'would not have missed it for anything.' The men leave here in about a week's time.

## N. Y. K. STEAMER ASHORE.

KOWE August 18th. At 3 a.m. yesterday, the N. Y. K. steamer *Mikawa Maru*, which left here at 11 a.m. the day before yesterday for Hakodate, ran on a reef off Mikawa, near Hojo, Yoc. The actual extent of the damage is not known, but according to the telegram there is some hope of saving the vessel. The Company's steamer *Tokai Maru* has been despatched to render assistance to the stranded vessel.

## THE TRESPASS BY THE POLICE.

Bangkok, 18th August. The trespass on the French Legation grounds has at length been amicably settled. Yesterday Mr. Jardine, accompanied by Mr. Sheriff, with the six offending policemen, attended at the Legation and met M. DeFrance, who consented to overlook the trespass, provided the men engaged were punished for their offence. Of the six men who entered the Legation, two were Siamese and four were newly enlisted Indians. The Siamese were fined one month's pay each, and the Indians half a month's pay. This brought the little incident to a satisfactory close.—*Bangkok Times*.

## DACOITY BY FRENCH SOLDIERS.

Says the *Courrier de Saigon*:—An event of great gravity is at the present moment occupying the attention of the military authorities at Chantaboon. Here are some details about the affair. A few days ago some fifteen of the men, engaged on fatigue duty cutting bamboo, noticed the house of a Chinese man and remarked on its being very isolated. In order to make themselves better acquainted with the ground they went and borrowed tools from the Chinese man. Then a couple of nights later some of them got out of bed and, armed and bearing torches, went by night and pillaged the house. The Chinese fled; a Siamese servant was surprised and beaten nearly to death; and an infant was also wounded. After plundering the house the men returned.

Next day a complaint was made. With his well known energy Commandant Digne, who is in command of the troops, immediately held an inquiry; the guilty persons were soon found and confined to the gaol. The wounded were attended to by the ambulance corps, when the surgeon (don't give my name I beg) found on the head of the Siamese a large number of deep wounds, showing the fury of his assailants. Nevertheless he is, it appears, out of danger.

An incident of this kind would be deplorable in any post, but in Siam, in a post of occupation, one can easily understand the significance, of this act of dacoity. Happily our interests are in these good hands, and there wretches we soon come before a Court-martial, which, we hope, will make a serious example of them.

## SPEAKING WITH THE DEAD.

The Kayans of Borneo have peculiar beliefs with regard to the relation between the souls of the living and the dead, beliefs which lead to certain conveniences in their relations with one another, though probably those conveniences are often turned to trouble, should their Medicine men not prove honest.

They believe that the soul of man does not leave his body until several days after death; they keep a small fire burning in the house near the coffin and, it is supposed that the spirit of the dead man can still converse with the living, or medicine man, and through him with the people of the house, as long as this fire continues burning. It is not until the corpse has been taken to the grave-yard and placed inside a huge *bilian* tomb that the fire is put out; then, it is supposed, that the soul first becomes aware that its body is dead.

## CHINESE WHO MAY ENTER THE UNITED STATES.

Collector Jackson of San Francisco received recently from Attorney-General Giggles his opinion relating to the classes of Chinese to be excluded under the treaty and laws now in force, and copies have been forwarded by the Collector to Consuls Wildman at Hongkong and Bedloe at Canton.

The Secretary of the Treasury sums up the situation as follows: "It may be stated comprehensively that the result of the whole batch of these laws and decisions thereon is to determine that the treaty theory is not that all Chinese persons may enter this country who are not forbidden, but that only those are entitled to enter who are expressly allowed."

Collector Jackson says heretofore all except laborers have been admitted under the law; under the ruling of the Attorney-General only those particularly specified in the treaty of 1894 will have the privilege.

The Collector then proceeded to speak of the decision of Assistant Secretary Howell to the effect that persons subjects of China, and described as salesmen, clerks, buyers, bookkeepers, accountants, managers, stockbrokers, apprentices, agents, cashiers, physicians, proprietors of restaurants, etc., should be denied admission.

"The statute," said the Collector, "provides that other than laborers may be admitted, and the custom has been up to the present day to admit Chinese on certificates that they were other than laborers. But the treaty mentions specifically the classes that may be admitted. These are officials, teachers, students, merchants, or travelers for curiosity or pleasure. Mr. Howell has ruled that only those persons shall be admitted. This decision means a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to the big steamship companies, for it will decrease Chinese immigration very materially."

## FATE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, July 30th. The *Times* editorial this morning on the terms of peace, confines itself to a discussion of the question raised on the Philippines, and says: "It seems equally difficult for America to take or leave them as Spain had trouble enough to hold them before the war. She is still more embarrassed now, and will probably not remain long without the tempting offers of some of the powers, which her poverty might impel her to accept. Had America demanded the cessation of the Philippines outright, Spain could hardly have evaded yielding. Now she may find her very weakness means the prolonging of other conditions of peace, for since the United States decided that the islands are not worth annexing some arrangement must be made for Spain to ensure the reversion of the islands to the United States in the event of Spain failing to maintain a tolerable government."

"Here are all the elements of a bargain which skillful diplomacy might turn to Spain's advantage; but it must be done quickly and the advantage not pressed too far."

Paris, July 30th.—From semi-official sources the following statement is made:—

"From a commercial point of view, France is as much interested as America in the Spanish trade, and consequently, she has no reason to jeopardize her friendly relations with the United States for the sake of a few islands. It is the fact that peace is to be arranged, and that the French ambassador, M. Cambon, has been the messenger of peace sent by Spain to America."

As to the terms on which peace is to be arranged, the French government and public opinion in France are perfectly aware that the United States is no longer to be satisfied with the mere independence of Cuba, considering that the war cost her considerable sacrifices. Consequently, the French press, particularly the *Journal des Debats* and *Le Temps*, are already taking into account the important element in the settlement of peace. They only hope that America will not claim too much. Not that France feels envious, in view of the increasing power of the United States, but simply because too enormous conditions on the part of America will make peace difficult in fact, it deserves to be pointed out that France does not make any objection to the United States increasing either its strength or its dominions. The reason for this is that the United States, in this matter is due to the fact that she is convinced that if such increase in any way threatens any European power, she is not that power. Even the annexation of Hawaii, which gives the United States an important position on the Pacific ocean, has not disturbed France in the slightest degree, her possessions in America being small and unimportant, consisting of only some little islands and French colonies.

As to the Philippines, if those islands are lost to Spain, France, as the ruler of Indo-China, would probably prefer having Americans as her next door neighbors, instead of France, Germany, or Austria-power. Consequently, France wants, as far as the United States is concerned, is only proper consideration for her commercial interests.

## TRADE RETURNS.

A return just issued by the British Embassy at Berlin gives the astonishing news that German exports for 1897 show a falling off of £26,300, as compared with the figures for 1896. British exports, it tested in the same way, show a diminution of more than six millions, five and a quarter millions of which is represented by the falling off in cotton and cotton goods. Telling some of the principal articles of export, we find that England exported her portion over Germany in coals, chemicals, and silk, and fell back in cotton, woolen and linen goods. Altogether the figures for the year will hardly bring much grief to the alarmists' mill.

Along with this report comes a deeply interesting summary of a Swedish compilation, which shows how the trade of Great Britain with Sweden stands in relation to that of other countries. In the period from 1881 to 1895 our trade has increased by slightly more than 24 per cent.; that of Germany and the United States each by 15 per cent.; whilst the trade of France has steadily declined. In shipping England has maintained her old position, but in the production of iron there has been a heavy setback. Germany has doubled her output of iron ore, and Spain has increased hers ninefold. But if our standing, compared with other commercial countries, is not what it was, a very different complexion is put on the statistical tables when the trade of the colonies is included. We have just twice the area of France, Germany, Russia, and the United States put together. And as the report puts it in precise official language, "the position of Great Britain considered in conjunction with her colonies and dependencies, continues, as regards area, population and resources, to compare favorably with that of any other nation."







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## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
TOKIO MARU..... E. W. Harwell	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 P.M.
TOSA MARU..... P. H. Cole	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW CASTLE, ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 1st September, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU..... T. Murai	VLADIVOSTOK, VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GEMSAN	FRIDAY, 2nd September, at Noon.
MIYUKI MARU..... S. Kawamuro	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 2nd September, at 4 P.M.
KAGOSHIMA MARU..... J. W. Ekstrand	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 6th September, at Noon.
YAMAGUCHI MARU..... A. E. Moses	SEATTLE, (WASH.), VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA and VICTORIA, B.C.	THURSDAY, 8th September, at 4 P.M.
HITACHI MARU..... C. Hillcock	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TUESDAY, 13th Sept., at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 27th August, 1898.

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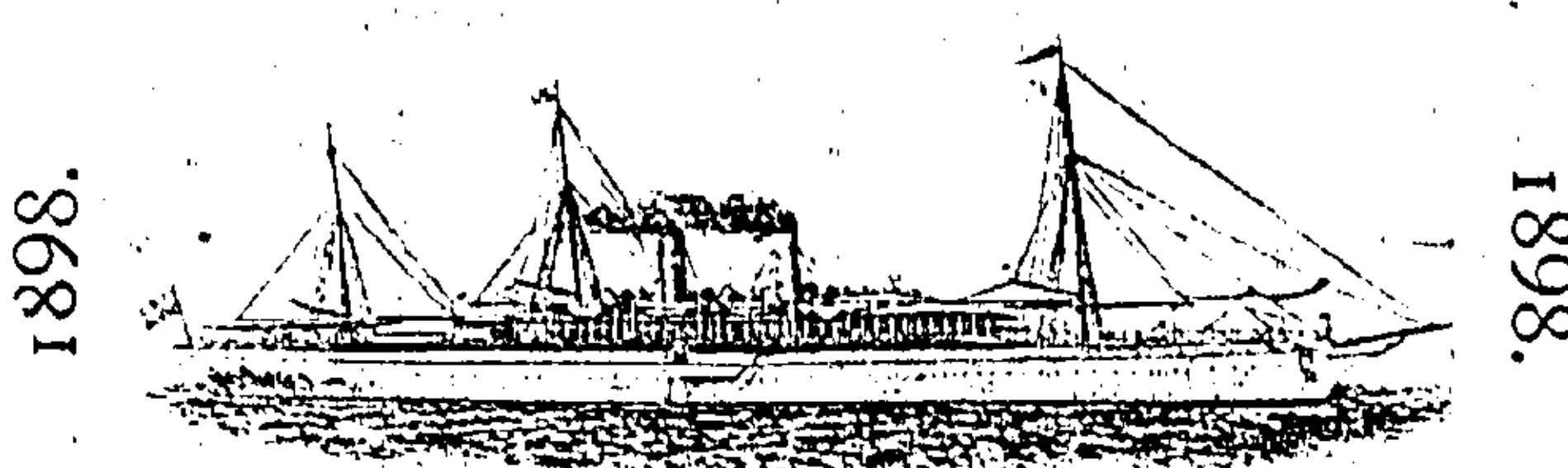
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
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THE Company's Steamship

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Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu).....Tuesday, 20th Sept., at Noon.

Delphi (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu).....Tuesday, 11th Oct., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"  
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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ARCADIA..... Bismarck	LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	About 1st September
SARNA..... Ebers	HAVRE AND HAMBURG	About 12th September
SUEVIA..... Frick	HAVRE AND HAMBURG	About 19th September
SILESIA..... Lehmann	HAVRE AND HAMBURG	About 25th September

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

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Darmstadt.....Wednesday | 15th Oct.

Sachsen.....Wednesday | 9th Nov.

Bayern.....Wednesday | 7th Dec.

Prins Heinrich.....Wednesday | 4th Jan. '99.

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